

# CITY WINS ALL-AMERICA SELECTION; PLANS FETE

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# CHRISTMAS EVE CRASH TAKES TODDLER'S LIFE

## Parents, Sister Hurt in Mishap

A 16-month-old child died Monday night as the result of a traffic accident at 182nd and Western Ave., while her 4-year-old sister was still in critical condition at Harbor General Hospital yesterday.

Pamela Jo Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne C. Adams, 3852 W. 177th St., died at Harbor General Hospital shortly after being admitted. She, her parents, and sister were involved in an auto collision with a car driven by Steve G. Trujillo, 40, Wilmington, who was booked by the Highway Patrol on suspicion of manslaughter and felony drunk driving.

## Three Burned As Cleaning Fluid Flares

Two sisters and a 7-month-old baby received serious burns Saturday night as fumes from an oven ignited some cleaning fluid spilled on the kitchen floor.

Recovering from burns are Mrs. Carol Sue Mattson, 18; her daughter, Donna Sue Mattson, 7 months, and her sister, Janice Binford, 13. The fire occurred at the home of the girls' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Binford, 18143 Ermita Ave.

Mrs. Mattson and Miss Binford had been cleaning a rug with cleaning solvent in the living room and had left a bottle of cleaning solvent in the kitchen. Miss Binford accidentally knocked the bottle over, breaking it. Mrs. Mattson rushed to the oven to turn it off, but the fluid ignited as she had her hand on the handle.

In critical condition for some time, Mrs. Mattson was reported in "good" condition yesterday at Harbor General Hospital. She received second and third degree burns on her arms and other parts of her body.

## Divers Find One Body in Downed Plane, End Search

Two men were carried to their death Sunday evening when a single-engine Army training plane crashed into the ocean about a mile off the Marineland oceanarium. A third man, a passenger in the death plane, was rescued from the chill water 10 minutes after the disaster.

The body of one of the two dead, pilot Jerry Dowdy, 43, of 3224 Dalemead St., was recovered by Los Angeles County Lifeguard skin divers Monday morning.

Jerry Buzan, 39, of 1707 W. 248th St., Lomita, the sole survivor, was rescued after swimming from the downed craft by Bill Cloud and Les Arndt, both Marineland employees.

Buzan was rushed to Hillside Clinic, Lomita, suffering shock, exposure and possible spinal and shoulder injuries.

He was transferred to San Pedro Community Hospital Sunday night.

One Missing  
The other passenger was Michael L. McCown, 20, of 1628 Pacific Coast Hwy., Lomita. He is still missing and presumed dead. The search for his body has been abandoned.

The trio had taken off from Torrance Municipal Airport about 4 p.m. Sunday and were buzzing the water off Portuense Bend when the plane suddenly started bouncing along the surface of the sea. The craft sank almost immediately.

Dowdy's body was recovered at 11:04 a.m. Monday morning by Ramsey Parks, Hermosa Beach, and Gordon Tyner, Palos Verdes, both Los Angeles county lifeguards.

## Police Report One of City's Quietest Yuletides

Local police reported one of the city's quietest Christmases on record this year.

Only one person, Sandra Gibson, 7, of 5204 Doris Way, was slightly injured in traffic. The girl was treated for cuts and bruises at Harbor General Hospital after the bicycle she was riding was involved in a collision with a car in front of 2904 Dalemead St. The motorist was JoAnn Lexo, 21, of Redondo Beach.

Six persons were jailed for intoxication.

## 7 Hungarian Refugees to Live in City

One family which recently fled from Hungary arrived in Torrance this week to join relatives here, while another is scheduled to arrive today or tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Istvan Gardos and son, Gabor Halmos, 18, arrived Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gary in Walteria. The family are relatives of Gary and will stay here for several months until they become settled.

Scheduled to fly from Camp Kilmer, N. J., today or tomorrow are Mr. and Mrs. Istvan Monlar and their four children. They will join Mrs. Monlar's brother, Jacob Szeibert, 717 W. 214th St. They have not seen each other since Szeibert left his native Hungary in 1925. The Monlars too will make their home in a house owned by Szeibert until they are settled.

## Union-Run Discount Stores Under Fire

A blast against union-sponsored discount stores with particular force directed at the Torrance Certi-Bond store was voiced by the Southern California Teamster Unions at a Joint Council meeting recently, the HERALD was told this week.

The resolution of the teamsters followed a request from Retail Clerks that the Torrance store be placed on the official unfair list.

Ben N. Scott, secretary-treasurer of Retail Clerks Local 905, which represent harbor area clerks, told the HERALD yesterday that an investigation was being made of the charges that the union-owned stores were not paying union wages, and were carrying non-union made products.

Competition Cited  
A major objection to the union-sponsored discount stores and buyers leagues, in addition to the wages paid employees, was the position of the union in competing directly with retail stores in the area that were employing union help.

The resolution declared in full: "Joint Council No. 42 is unilaterally opposed to any union or council of unions or any other segment of organized labor sponsoring, owning, or participating in the management or operation of

any so-called discount house or buyers league wherein the merchandise of such discount house or buyers league is sold in competition with bonafide merchants under union agreements who are providing fair wage and conditions of employment."

Termed Ridiculous  
According to the Southern California Teamster, official publication of the Joint Council Teamsters No. 42, one delegate stated that the Certi-Bond store refused to pay union wages to clerks although it was union-owned and operated. "He declared that fair employers paying union wages could not compete with non-union operators and that it was especially ridiculous when the store was union-owned."

## Four Cities on West Coast Win All-America Honors

Four cities in the Far West—Anchorage, Alaska; Oakland and Torrance, Calif., and Tacoma, Wash.—are among the 11 U.S. communities named today as the year's All-America cities in the annual contest co-sponsored by the National Municipal League and Look magazine. This is the largest number of Western cities winning awards in any one year. In addition, Anchorage establishes another record by being the first city outside of the 48 states to win All-America City honors since the awards were started eight years ago.

The other winning cities are Altus, Okla.; Brattleboro, Vt.; Elgin, Ill.; Laurinburg, N.C.; St. Louis, Mo.; Springfield, Mo., and Zanesville, Ohio.

164 Nominated  
The awards were made on the basis of alert, hard-hitting action taken by citizens to meet pressing community problems and to push for needed civic improvements. The winners were selected by a jury headed by Dr. George H. Gallup, director of the American Institute of Public Opinion, and past president of the National Municipal League. A total of 164 cities were nominated for 1956 honors.

In addition to the 11 award winners, the following cities were cited for honorable mention: Bloomington, Minn.; Denver, Colo.; Duluth, Minn.; El Campo, Texas; Kalamazoo, Mich.; Okaloosa, Iowa; Park Ridge, Ill.; Prescott, Ariz.; Santa Fe, N.M.; Springfield, Ill., and Superior, Wis.

The story of the winning cities, which will appear in the Jan. 22 issue of Look on the newstands Jan. 8, reveals major problems common to cities all over the country.

Population Problems  
For example, Anchorage and Torrance are among the three cities which won for successfully tackling skyrocketing population growth that

## Celebration Plans Started for Award

Torrance has been selected as one of the nation's "All-America" cities, it was announced today by Dr. George H. Gallup, president of the National Municipal League. The honors to the city are a national tribute to this city which has grown from a small town into a booming metropolis since World War II.

Torrance has been given the All America selection because of its intelligent and concerted citizen action leading to major accomplishments of community-wide significance, according to Dr. Gallup. The award is sponsored annually by the American Municipal League and Look magazine.

City officials, civic leaders, and Chamber of Commerce officers immediately began plans for a community celebration here on Jan. 26 to receive the official certificates naming Torrance as the All-America city.

A two-day celebration is being planned which will begin Friday, Jan. 25, with the school children of the city receiving an All-America city flag.

Celebration Set  
A day-long celebration will follow on Saturday, Jan. 26, starting at noon with a community parade, and to be followed with a formal flag-raising ceremony at the civic center, and topped off with a giant banquet Saturday night at which time officials of the National Municipal League and Look magazine will join city, county, and state officials in the former presentation.

A committee headed by Douglas Horlander of the Junior Chamber of Commerce is making detailed plans for the celebration, already being called one of the largest and gayest celebrations in the city's history.

Dr. J. H. Hull is coordinating all school activity for the celebration, and Rev. Walter M. Stanton, president of the Torrance Ministerial Assn., is coordinating church participation.

## To Jump Gun? Actually, Chamber Manager Dick Fitzgerald reports, many people are expected to jump the fun on the celebration today when the news is announced throughout the Southland.

Factory whistles, church bells, and other noisemakers throughout Torrance are scheduled to blow the lid off things at noon today, Fitzgerald reported.

And, beginning at 8 a.m. today, huge full color posters will be placed on all light standards and telephone poles in the shopping areas; 30,000 windshield stickers with the All-America emblem will be ready for distribution, along with 3000 decals for vehicles and business windows.

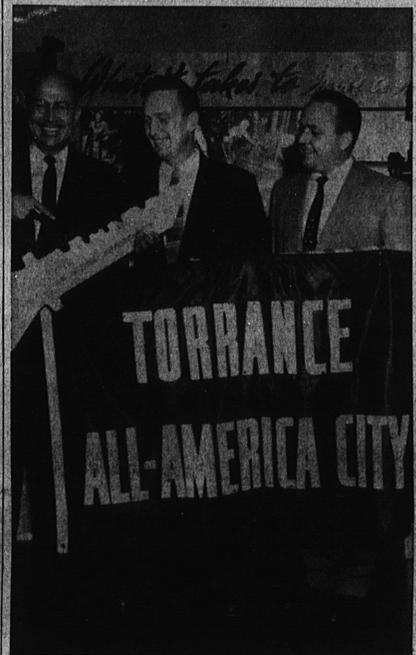
Nation-wide publicity will be given Torrance as a result of the selection.

## City's Entry In Contest a Joint Effort

How did Torrance get into the All-America Cities contest?

Manager Dick Fitzgerald of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce yesterday reported that the idea originated with Mayor Albert Ison, and was put into motion by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and publishers of The HERALD and Press, who were the nominators.

Information for the contest was compiled by George Powell, planning director for the city; Don Mansfield, assistant city manager, and the newspapers of the area. Douglas Horlander, representing the Junior Chamber of Commerce, submitted the city's entry—one of 164 entered in the contest.



CITY'S BANNER . . . Proudly displaying the banner emblematic of the city's being named an All-America city are Mayor Albert Ison; Douglas J. Horlander, Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Dick Fitzgerald, Chamber of Commerce secretary.

## Two Men Get \$120 in Loot In Robbery

Two men armed with a lug wrench made off with \$120 from the Torrance Iron and Metal Co., 1816 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., Lomita, after hitting one of the employes in the shoulder with the tool.

Clarence J. Cole, who was in the office Saturday, told sheriff's deputies that a man came in to inquire about the price of copper and asked him to figure the price. After returning twice to haggle about the price, the man returned with a companion and announced: "This is a stick-up."

One of the men held the fire, Cole said, and ordered him to open the cash drawer. When Cole said that he didn't have the key, one struck him in the shoulder with the lug, knocking him against the wall. He then smashed the lock on the drawer with the tool. The man took \$120 in the drawer and fled.

Sheriff's deputies are investigating the case.

Read Roger Babson's Forecast for 1957 on Page 15 of Today's HERALD